



TOMPKINS COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Tompkins county is located in the west central part of New York in the Finger Lakes region. In 1998, there were 103,100 acres in farms, 34 percent of the county's total 304,640 acres. There were 540 farms in the county averaging 191 acres per farm. Tompkins county ranks 41st in the state for number of farms and 38th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$47.5 million. Total sales averaged \$106,372 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, other livestock, corn for grain, cattle and calves, and poultry products.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$348,292. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$68,820 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$37.6 million for an average of \$84,206 per farm. The Census showed 52 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.0 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$21,153.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

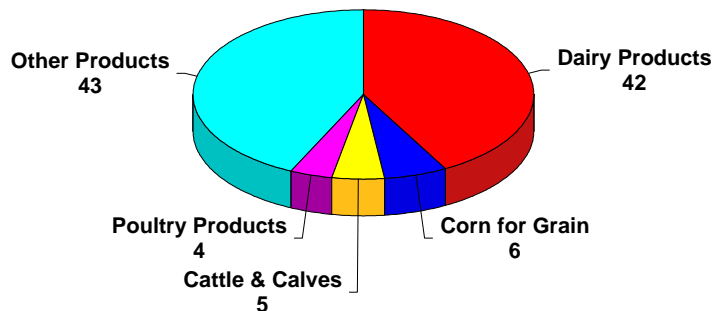
Product	1997 Sales	Percent of Total	County Rank
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Dairy Products	19,956	42	29
Other Livestock	D	0	2
Corn for Grain	3,017	6	13
Cattle & Calves	2,451	5	38
Poultry Products	2,136	4	10
Other Products	19,988	43	
TOTAL SALES	47,548		28

1997 Census of Agriculture

D: Cannot be disclosed. Included in "Other Products"

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Percent of Total Sales



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FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	1,966	215,131	5/	5/	33,488	5/
1950	1,662	201,822	116,848	32,393	35,186	17,395
1959	1,035	162,640	99,393	19,302	28,936	15,009
1969	699	135,082	81,489	5/	29,216	5/
1978	598	123,085	79,954	7,303	24,535	11,293
1982	567	121,068	77,047	6,835	26,801	10,385
1987	590	114,200	78,100	6,000	21,000	9,100
1992	520	101,000	65,800	7,500	18,600	9,100
1993	530	99,800	65,000	7,200	18,100	9,500
1994	535	98,900	64,900	6,700	17,900	9,400
1995	530	100,600	65,900	6,700	18,200	9,800
1996	530	101,000	66,300	6,600	18,100	10,000
1997	535	102,600	67,500	6,600	18,500	10,000
1998	540	103,100	66,400	6,800	19,100	10,800

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	215	223
\$10,000 to \$49,999	96	103
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44	35
\$100,000 or more	86	86
Farms Reporting	441	447
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

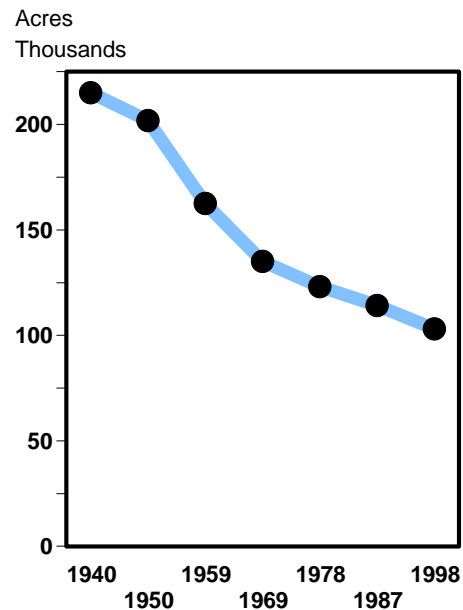
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 29th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	42,300	89
1950	59,100	124
1960	66,200	139
1970	77,100	162
1980	87,100	183
1990	94,100	198
1998	96,020	201

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	19,507	1/	1/
1950	23,681	460	12,604
1959	25,210	851	12,633
1969	22,780	1,315	11,275
1978	23,000	1,800	10,500
1982	24,000	1,900	9,500
1987	23,500	1,100	10,000
1992	21,000	900	9,000
1993	21,000	700	9,000
1994	20,000	900	9,000
1995	19,000	800	8,500
1996	19,500	1,100	9,000
1997	19,000	1,100	9,500
1998	19,000	1,000	9,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	10,500	12,700	133.4
1982	10,000	13,400	134.0
1987	10,000	14,900	149.0
1992	9,000	16,000	144.0
1993	9,000	16,000	144.0
1994	9,000	15,800	142.2
1995	9,000	16,500	148.5
1996	9,000	16,200	162.0
1997	9,000	17,000	153.0
1998	9,300	17,200	160.0

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	7,184	28.0	201,274
1950	1/	11,035	32.1	354,592
1959	1/	12,177	55.1	670,558
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	8,300	7,800	63.1	491,800
1982	6,000	5,700	67.0	381,800
1987	4,700	3,900	58.0	226,200
1992	3,200	2,900	76.0	220,400
1993	3,300	2,700	69.0	185,000
1994	2,900	2,500	73.0	182,500
1995	2,600	2,500	51.0	126,300
1996	2,800	2,300	48.0	110,600
1997	3,200	2,900	65.0	188,500
1998	3,500	3,400	62.0	210,700

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	6,114	23.6	144,454
1950	1/	10,255	27.0	276,391
1959	1/	5,786	31.0	179,302
1969	2,700	2,500	36.7	91,800
1978	1,900	1,800	36.4	65,600
1982	2,700	2,400	44.0	105,600
1987	1,900	1,500	50.0	75,000
1992	2,300	2,000	60.0	120,000
1993	1,800	1,600	45.0	71,600
1994	2,100	2,000	53.0	106,000
1995	2,200	2,000	57.0	114,000
1996	2,700	2,500	40.0	100,000
1997	2,200	1,900	52.0	98,800
1998	2,300	2,100	46.0	96,600

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

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CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	9,505	3,235	35.3	114,126	1/	1/	1/
1950	10,808	4,633	43.3	200,543	5,882	9.6	56,342
1959	11,662	6,677	55.9	373,190	4,850	10.9	52,625
1969	18,000	8,100	82.1	665,000	1/	1/	1/
1978	23,400	14,700	84.7	1,244,500	8,300	14.5	102,350
1982	25,300	16,000	90.3	1,445,000	8,900	13.7	122,100
1987	20,000	12,900	107.0	1,380,300	6,800	15.5	105,400
1992	21,500	13,800	98.0	1,352,400	6,800	15.9	108,100
1993	19,100	12,700	108.0	1,371,600	6,300	15.7	98,900
1994	19,200	13,400	109.0	1,461,900	5,800	16.0	92,600
1995	19,500	14,200	105.0	1,491,100	5,200	14.7	76,500
1996	19,700	14,100	103.0	1,445,300	5,400	16.3	87,800
1997	20,000	13,400	107.0	1,433,800	6,400	14.9	95,400
1998	18,300	12,000	107.0	1,285,000	6,300	16.1	101,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	3,492	1.5	5,382	36,685	1.1	40,288	40,177	1.1	45,670
1950	3,361	2.0	6,803	27,724	1.5	42,067	31,085	1.6	48,870
1959	14,550	2.3	33,655	15,514	1.9	28,832	30,064	2.1	62,487
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	25,649	2.3	57,760
1978	13,900	2.6	36,100	14,000	1.8	25,200	27,900	2.2	61,300
1982	13,700	2.6	35,600	11,800	2.0	23,600	25,500	2.3	59,200
1987	10,500	2.5	26,000	15,000	1.8	26,700	25,500	2.1	52,700
1992	8,900	2.2	19,400	8,800	2.3	20,400	17,700	2.2	39,800
1993	8,200	2.2	18,200	10,100	1.9	18,800	18,300	2.0	37,000
1994	7,300	2.7	19,400	10,000	2.1	21,200	17,300	2.4	40,600
1995	7,800	2.4	18,700	9,200	1.8	17,000	17,000	2.1	35,700
1996	7,800	2.7	21,000	7,200	2.1	15,000	15,000	2.4	36,000
1997	8,100	2.7	21,900	8,800	1.7	15,000	16,900	2.2	36,900
1998	7,600	2.6	19,400	7,900	1.8	13,900	15,500	2.1	33,300

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available